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Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers Appoints New Board Member

Photo (from left to right): Miles Turnbull, CASLT President, Nicole Thibault, CASLT Executive Director and Hilaire Lemoine, new CASLT Director at Large.

OTTAWA, December 8, 2006 – Hilaire Lemoine has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT). The appointment was announced at the association's Annual General Meeting, held in Halifax November 30th.

Mr. Lemoine's contributions to official language education are well known. In 2005, he was granted a CASLT Honorary Lifetime Membership in recognition of his long-time service to second language education across Canada.

Hilaire Lemoine served for many years as Director General of the Official Languages Support Branch, Department of Canadian Heritage, and subsequently as Executive Director of Portfolio Affairs for the same department. He also worked for two years as special project consultant and representative for Canada with the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Since his retirement from the federal government in September 2006, he has occupied the position of Executive in Residence at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Arts, where he is collaborating on the establishment of the new Institute of Official Languages and Bilingualism.

Originally from a French speaking community in Manitoba, Mr. Lemoine is a proud representative of Canada's minority francophone communities. He has always firmly believed that valuing diversity strengthens the foundations of our country. His exceptional commitment and vision in the promotion of linguistic duality set him apart, and he is acknowledged as an insightful and well-respected leader in the field. He strongly supports the CASLT's concept of a common framework and language portfolio to define, track and recognize language learner achievements in second language learning in Canada.

The CASLT is pleased to have Mr. Lemoine bring his expertise in government relations, national outreach and funding diversification to the Association's Board of Directors.

The CASLT Board operates as a policy-setting body with overall responsibility for establishing the organization's strategic direction, public relations, member services and financial goals. The CASLT endeavours to achieve a diversity of perspectives through board representation from across the second language education community and across the country.

Established, in 1970, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) increases awareness, appreciation and understanding of the importance of second language learning and teaching throughout Canada and promotes the advancement of professional excellence among language educators.

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